## PATENT APPLICATION

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Hideki KOMATSUDA et al. Group Art Unit: 2882

Application No.: 09/396,582 Examiner: C. Church

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For: EXPOSURE APPARATUS AND EXPOSURE METHOD USING SAME

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Sir:

In reply to the November 5, 2003 Office Action, the shortened statutory period for reply being extended by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, please consider the following:

Amendments to the Claims as reflected in the listing of claims; and Remarks.